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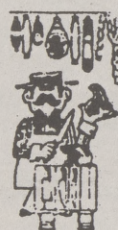
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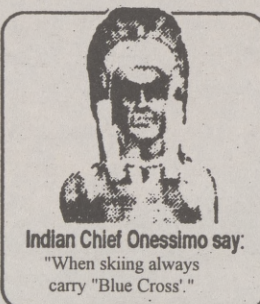
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LETTERS

Less Grassy Park, More Teen Facilities

The teenage population of the valley needs somewhere to go and something to do. Vandalism is on the increase out here, could this be the reason?

I would love to see video games, ping pong, pool tables roller blade ramps etc on the order of the Carmel Youth Center.

In my opinion, the purchase of the 1.44 acre parcel is totally unnecessary. There is already plenty of lawn space and we don't have a lot of extra water for it anyway. That substantial amount of money could be much better spent on the above mentioned and our valley teens would have a gathering place for fun and sociability and less time for getting in trouble.

J. Roberts
Carmel Valley

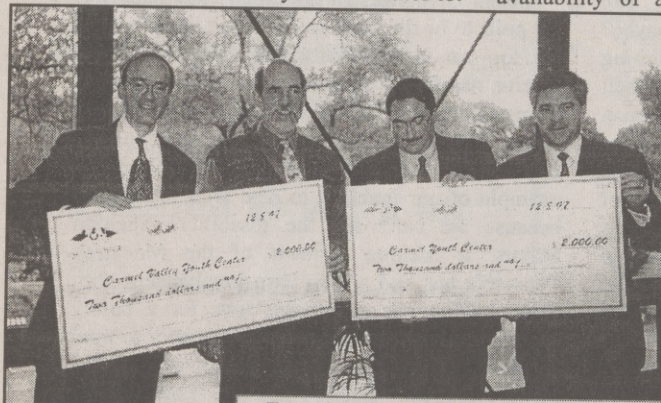
NEWS BRIEFS

Philanthropic Tomatoes

On Monday, Quail Lodge General Manager Michael B. Hoffman and TomatoFest Founder Gary Ibsen hosted a luncheon and check presentation celebrating TomatoFest 1997. This year's September TomatoFest, organized by Quail Lodge and Ibsen, was a success benefiting the Carmel Youth Center (CYC) and the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center (CVCYC).

Phil Arnold of the CYC and Joseph Hertlein of the CVCYC were on hand to accept the checks for their individual centers. Each center received \$2,000 to help ongoing local youth programs.

Ibsen said a large variety of different tomatoes are grown in Carmel Valley for the TomatoFest. To get quality tomatoes Ibsen said, "(It's) how we treat the soil...is how they come out and taste." At this year's TomatoFest



there were approximately 150 different heirloom

tomatoes on display and available for sampling. The colors of the tomatoes were vibrant, some solid and others with stripes. Currently, Ibsen is looking for parties in Carmel Valley who are willing to share extra lot space to allow him to grow next year's tomatoes.

At Monday's luncheon the group enjoyed a Mediterranean Tomato Tart, Heirloom Tomato Napoleon, Rack of Lamb with Dijon Sauce and for dessert...a Tomato Bavarois over Rose Genoise with a Marsala Crème Anglaise.

Water Board to Seat New Members

At its December 15 meeting, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors will seat two new members; Alvin Edwards, Division 1 representative and Ron Chesshire, Division 2 representative. Edwards and Chesshire will be replacing Directors Burkleo and Haddad.

A presentation will be made on the Phase III Seaside Groundwater Basin Hydrologic Report and public hearings will be held on an application to create the Riley Ranch Water Distribution System and the adoption of the January - March 1998 water supply and budget.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors will meet December 15 at 7p.m. at the Monterey City Council Chambers; the meeting is open to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Associates Applications Available

Senator McPherson announced the availability of applications for the 1998-99 California Senate Associates Program (formerly known as the California State Senate Fellows Program).

The program provides college graduates an opportunity to become full-time Senate staff members working in a Senator's Capitol office or committee for eleven months. Associates also participate, in academic

seminars with Senators, senior staff members, journalists,

lobbyists, and state government officials for which they receive 12 graduate credits from California State University, Sacramento. The program is operated jointly by the California Senate and the Center for California Studies at CSUS.

Associates are paid a stipend of \$1,707 a month plus health and dental benefits.

"The Associates Program offers an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the legislative process," said Senator McPherson. "Whether your career goals are in the public or private sector, the Associates Program provides valuable training."

Anyone who will graduate from college by June 1998 may apply. There is no preferred major, and there is no need to be a recent graduate. Recent Associates have had majors ranging from agriculture to law to social welfare. Individuals with advanced degrees, or those in mid-career, are also urged to apply.

Those interested may get applications from Senator McPherson's office at 7 John Street, Salinas, (408 753-6386), or 701 Ocean Street, Room 318A, Santa Cruz, (408 454-3108).

Eighteen Associates are selected in May. Selections are made after an initial screening of

applications and a subsequent panel interview of semifinalists.

The deadline for submitting applications to the program is February 18, 1998.

1997 Teddy Bear Campaign

Sheriff Norman Hicks has announced the beginning of the annual Teddy Bear Drive. The Monterey County Sheriff's Department collects teddy bears and donates them to children who may otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas. In addition, the sheriff's department uses bears to console children in traumatic circumstances such as accidents, child abuse, or domestic violence.

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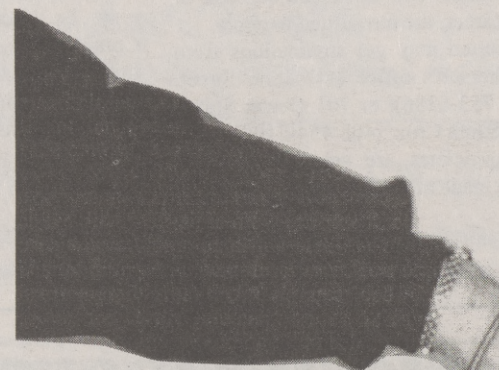
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The Good, The Bad, and The Ignored

'This is the Season for giving. But to whom, for what and how much? There are over one million non-profit, charitable charters in the U.S. today. As a nation, we each give an average of 1.9% of our annual income - approximately \$150 billion. Where is it going and why? **By Barbra Alexander**

When you hear reports of embezzlement or graft involving a national charitable organization, such as the United Way and Goodwill fiascos, what is your immediate reaction? If your answer is the same as that of Connie Dunil of Pacific Grove, who said



that it saddens and disappoints her, you're in the majority. Her feeling is that she will continue to contribute to these organizations sporadically, but really prefers to donate through her church.

Employee embezzlement at Goodwill and The United Way. Everyone I spoke with said they were sad and disappointed that someone lacking in basic human integrity was employed by an organization dedicated to the rescue of a drowning humanity. However, no one said that they would shy away from donating to the United Way or Goodwill in the future. It seems the consensus is that these actions were simply the behavior of a very few bad seeds in an otherwise good apple.

This attitude is representative of the special kind of people Americans are. It made them sad, not angry and disappointed, not disillusioned to hear the news. Each will continue to give and hope for better in the future.

Everyone who has ever been to a mall during December is familiar with the Salvation Army bell tolling the distinctive chime of seasonal, human distress.

What a country. There is no other nation that can boast of the generosity of its citizens quite as much as the United States. We travel the planet, either in person or through the agency of our choosing, to extend a helping hand to those that need relief from whatever disaster has befallen them.

However, the current trend in charitable donations, according to Vicki Mathews of Carmel, seems to be that we are becoming a bit more discerning in our contributions. Over the years certain solicitations have worn out their welcome. One of these is the perpetual plight of needy children.

Perhaps we have finally become aware that there will always be a greater number of children in need. This is because adults in certain places won't quit making more kids without the ability to care for them. Our charitable climate these days runs more to sending methods of birth control and educators to those countries in the hope that we can somehow stem the tide of an ever increasing birth rate.

There is also the incontrovertible evidence that there is just as much need for the assistance of those who can give right here, as there is in other areas of the globe. If that surprises you, just look at the state

of homelessness in our cities today. People sleeping in the cold doorways

of restaurants who are being stepped over by diners leaving the establishment. Everyone in the exiting party shakes their head and

wonders why the authorities don't do something to clean up the streets.

What authorities? The police? The fire department? The Salvation Army maybe? Everyone who has ever been to a mall during December is familiar with the Salvation Army bell tolling the distinctive chime of seasonal, human distress.

Once again the season of donating is upon us. Not that most of us don't get involved in one or more benevolent programs throughout the year. Like Ken Malone of Sumitomo Bank in Monterey, many people actually have automatic payroll deductions and their participating employer then forwards the funds directly to United Way. But this is definitely the time when we are all asked to dig a little deeper in order to feed, or provide a little holiday cheer to those less fortunate. We don't seem to mind.

There are however certain segments of our population that seem to have us figured out and deliberately create an atmosphere of greater wariness. During the height of traffic, at the busiest corners, and in grocery store parking lots is where you'll find them.

I'm referring to the sign workers. Those persons who, when asked if they really wanted to work for food, as their sign claimed, wanted to know if they would be expected to work all day. The reason for the question is that they are philosophically opposed to holding a regular job. The attitude seems to be that no one should be expected to work every day. Why don't you go to work tomorrow and try that logic out on your boss?

Besides, they have a regular job. They work their signs. This was a career decision, not accidental underemployment. They drive to work and keep regular hours on the job. Some bring their dogs to work, in the hope of making you feel guilty about the poor animal being stuck on a street corner with all those cars. Have you watched these dogs? They sleep. These animals are accustomed to the patterns of their owners and are neither starving, nor skittish about being run over.

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The truth is that they must be receiving enough handouts to keep them coming back day after day to the same corner, with the same sign. If you are one of the people who endorses their activities by giving them money, please think about what you are encouraging.

I find it interesting that the huge advertising campaign is working, most of our charitable dollars are not going to needy children, the poor or sick but rather to MADD. Did you know MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, is currently the most popular charity? Makes you wonder who, other than the advertising agency and the TV stations is benefiting from our donations, doesn't it?

Special Olympics, on the other hand, shows in the polls to be the most credible, but is not among the top ten in popularity and as such, doesn't receive nearly the funds a well run promotional team can bring in. That makes no sense to me. If it is the most credible should it not be receiving the majority of the funds? Is this simply another example of our inability to deal with retardation because we can't see the disability? Sheldon Sellars, a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula has had a long-term involvement with Special Olympics due to his love for a family member. He feels that, "It's always easier to mail off a check, than to deal with the retarded kid down the street." But if that's true, how can the guy on the street corner get money from us? We certainly can't see his disability either.

"It's always easier to mail off a check, than to deal with the retarded kid down the street." - Sheldon Sellars

There are other changes that have occurred in the area of charitable donations in how we, the donors, prefer to be solicited. We would prefer the emotional safety of mailed requests. We don't like to be confronted either on the phone, or face to

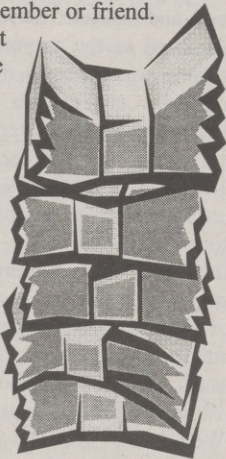
face. It seems that we are as willing as ever to pay a great deal of money not to come in contact with the less than perfect body, mind, or economic human condition.

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Most of the people I spoke with gave their donations to causes they felt some kinship with. This can come about through the illness of a family member or friend.

Or to groups that represent a cause with societal guilt.

Dustin Cook, a local remodeling contractor, believes Paralyzed Vietnam Vets to be a good example. "They fought a war for those of us who didn't go, and those who didn't care. They fought for me, and were not really honored by their country or their countrymen, and are still fighting to put the pieces of their lives back together." They are the socially ignored.



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Regardless of where your donation dollars go, the fact is that you're donating to something, somewhere. There are over one million non-profit, charitable charters in the U.S. today. As a nation, we each give an average of 1.9% of our annual income to worthwhile causes. That equates to approximately \$150 billion.

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ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNITY

The Glass House

By Neal Owen Kruse

The Enchanted Land – Part Fourteen
A semi-fictitious tale of an enchanted land – the efforts of its inhabitants to preserve it and the efforts of outsiders to profit from it.

The Citizens Committee for Community Development (CCCP), a committee made up of ordinary residents and business people from every city and urban neighborhood in the Enchanted Land, finally began to fulfill its intended mission. After several meetings, many heated debates and more than a few exchanges of harsh words, the committee membership began to pull together in a common purpose. The raucous debate began to soften into a harmony of shared concerns, as the members realized the extent to which outside interests were buying their local businesses and their lands and taking control of the decisions shaping their community.

The structure of the CCCP began to change. The small discussion groups, led by facilitators during the first several months, arranged themselves into action subcommittees covering several different areas.

One of the subcommittees created a newsletter designed to establish an open, ongoing connection between the Citizens

Committee and all of the inhabitants of the Enchanted Land. Its purpose was to inform the community of what went on in committee meetings and to report all decisions, opinions and ideas produced by the committee as a whole. For each issue of the newsletter, space was made available for editorials from committee members.

What started out as a small newsletter, with the help of financial contributions and assistance from local printing shops, grew into something big enough to carry the name "The Community Press". In an effort to support the existing village newspapers already functioning, it's volunteer reporters researched only areas not already covered by the smaller papers or ignored by the bigger regional news sources. Selections from the existing village papers that had merit for the region as a whole, were reprinted (with permission) in The Community Press to ensure readership on a broader scale. The only advertising allowed was by non-profit and community organizations.

A special section of the paper invited written opinion from all the citizens of the Enchanted Land, with a promise to print every signed submission unless absolutely outside the bounds of common decency. A special encouragement was sent out to the schools for participation from students and children. In one section, point and counterpoint debates were set up between members of the community known for their strongly opposing points of view.

On a regular basis, The Community Press printed geographical maps of all development in The Enchanted Land, color coded to show: (a) all development within the last ten years, (b) development currently approved, but not under construction, and (c) all other development projects under consideration, no matter how preliminary. In addition to the maps, all available reports, statistics and projections concerning every form of commerce, every aspect of the natural environment and every shift in the local demographics of the Enchanted Land, were gathered together and printed in one section of the paper. The intent was to give an unbiased, but easily grasped picture of the state of the Enchanted Land and all going on within its boundaries.

At the top of the front page, on every single issue of The Community Press, ran a banner carrying a quote by Thomas Jefferson: "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government;... whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights."

In tandem with The Community Press, a group of Internet savvy members on the CCCD formed a subcommittee, which later became known as the "Websters" for their innovative use of the World Wide Web in creating local community.

One of the first web pages they put up on the Internet made a point of listing all campaign contributions to every elected representative in the community. The representative's voting record was updated weekly and placed underneath their original political statement made when they ran for election. An easily accessible email connection was provided under each name to facilitate response by their constituencies. Another section allowed for local comment on supposed and generally unknown sources of political influence which might affect an elected official's ability to represent his constituents objectively.

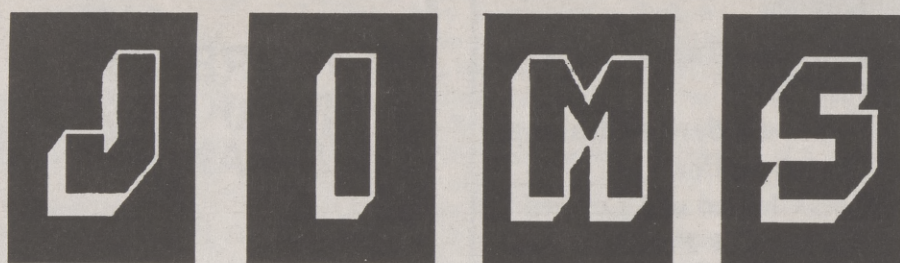
The "Websters" went on to research the latest methods in telephone voting and polling. They set up a method whereby local issues could be assembled into an objective survey

available on the Internet or by phoning a toll free number and requesting a fax. A simple telephone call and the press of a few buttons recorded how a person felt about the issue. A unique code was developed to identify the jurisdiction and status of the voter and ensure against repetitive voting. Though the voting and polling system was originally set up to allow the Citizen's Committee to obtain instant feedback from the community at large, at the suggestion of several of the town mayors, the technology was made available to the city and rural governments as well. Elected officials were then able to submit their request for a poll of their constituents to the "Truth in Statistics" subcommittee of the CCCD. It was analyzed for objectivity and clarity to ensure an unbiased response. Upon approval by the statistics committee, the Websters would mount the survey on the Internet and call for a response.

Within months, the polling site on the web was populated with separate sections for each town and district. The results of each poll were displayed as the responses came in. The site became so successful, few actions concerning important changes to the community were undertaken without a report from the CCCD on the results of a poll or survey. It became so efficient, particularly on controversial developments, it was possible to get a response from over 75% of the eligible voters in the Enchanted Land within 48 hours. Polls and surveys became so numerous, the different towns and regions began to gain a familiarity with how each other felt about the different issues. Locals often spoke with confidence to visitors who might inquire as to local opinion, "Well, I don't know how people in your part of the country feel, but here in the Enchanted Land..."

(To be continued...)

Correction to last week's *The Glass House*. The second sentence in the last paragraph should have read, "True leadership is only a temporary position at best and seeks to encourage the people to lead themselves." Eliminate was printed rather than encourage; our apologies.



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OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

Well, good. I thought I was the only person in the U.S. who wasn't afraid to applaud Fidel Castro's efforts to slow the AIDS epidemic by isolating the people infected. Dr. Cary Savitch, a specialist from Ventura, calls America's AIDS policy "the biggest public health blunder." He suggests mandatory testing of everyone, periodically, with all infections reported to local health officials. A United Nations report states there will be 40 million people, worldwide, infected within two years.

Twenty-eight states have policies in which HIV cases are reported to local officials, but in many cases the names are withheld. In California the disease is not reported until the person has AIDS. (Some

other diseases, such as gonorrhea, must be reported immediately.)

AIDS is no longer a disease transmitted by promiscuity in "bath houses". AIDS can be obtained from "one night stands," or from prostitutes, or from second-hand drug needles, or from blood transfusions, or improperly cleaned medical instruments.

AIDS is not a proper disease to play games with, because it is deadly, yet our very highest officials insist on playing political games with it. Even our state legislature won't legalize needle exchanges for fear of losing conservative votes, which means it is not as much a public health issue, as it is a cheap, uncaring political issue. I don't know how our Governor Wilson stands on this issue. I'll send him a copy of this article and ask him.

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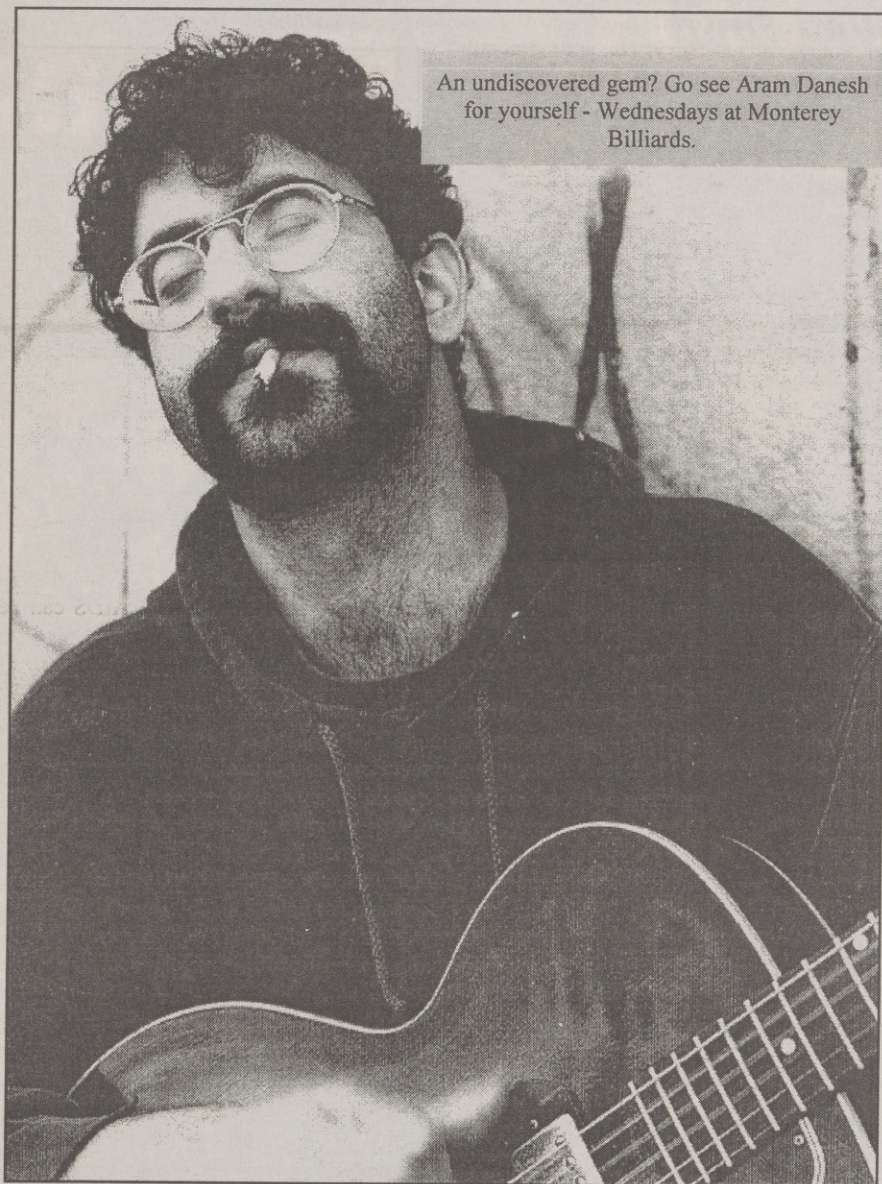
With Matt Heimbold

Before I get started, we must announce that Black Olive Recording Artists, The Imperial Crowns, have been nominated for Outstanding Independent Album by the 7th Annual Los Angeles Music Awards. Hot damn that tickles me pink. Yo!....Lenny and Renee Christmas has come early this year. (more next week),

Are we there yet mommy? Shut your pie hole junior you've arrived. Tonight is the night! It's the Third Annual Rock For Aids Benefit Concert hosted by our local label Black Olive Records. We're very pleased to announce that ALL proceeds will go to the Monterey County Aids Project. This is a chance for every local musician (even those not performing!) to support a much needed cause (grand understatement). So who have we corralled to entertain you for the evening? Oh Billy it's a hot ticket! Kicking off the shindig at Doc's Nightclub will be Foamscape fronted by the talented guitarist and vocalist Mac Talley. These boys have been hibernating for a while and are ready to get on down for a psychedelic

rock experience and that Mac character can write some very clever lyrics (Talley Ho!, Mac Daddy - "the king of shagadelia"). Then we have a lil' treat for ya, Steve Kramer, the guitarist and vocalist of Mockingbird, will do a few tunes acoustically. I'm sure you're all familiar with Mockingbird, one of Monterey's most kick-ass rock and roll units. (I have a feeling their retro classic rock sound is ripe for San Francisco. Judging from the response they got at The Paradise Lounge last September the smart money is on The Bird!) They're waiting for the European release of their debut CD - you heard it right (more on this later).

Next up will be Kyfe fronted by the husband and wife team of Tom Ayers and Angelina Ayers. Tom ... well does he really need any introduction ... is one of the tastiest six slinger ever to grace these here parts. Along with Angelina, bassist Roger Rogers and drummer Donnie Nix, they manage to throw just about every genre of music into that ole kitchen sink with amazing results. Then get this one ... power charged Michael Cabaluna of The Mudskippers will grab the microphone for a



An undiscovered gem? Go see Aram Danesh for yourself - Wednesdays at Monterey Billiards.



Goody gumdrops, there's new kids in town. Rule of Thumb will lend their talents to the BlueFin this Friday night beginning at 9p.m.

few numbers backed by Tom Ayers on drums and Mac Talley on guitar.

But wait, the evening's not even close to over. Black Olive's recent addition to the roster, vocalist Maria Fox from Sacramento, will be joined by guitarist Michael Hintz of Gel and guitarist Roger Masson of Cannel Digital recording studio for a few acoustic numbers (you can say you saw her when). Lastly it's Black Olive Records' newest artist to the roster Torch 'n' The Bones. These boys are a hoot o' plenty. Fronted by vocalist Carl Christ of the late great Medflys, they will unleash their newest single "El Nino". I can't wait to hear the lads on Monterey's premier sound system. Torch equals the slinky, swanky, bomb baby, What a show! This is an awesome line-up of some of Monterey's finest rock musicians.

Doing sound for the evening is Doc's own Larry Vialis so you know it's going to sound awesome. All we ask is that you bring your bodies, non-perishable food items or a cash donation and be ready to rock. Is that too much to ask? No! The event is being sponsored by KMBY, DoReMi, The Coast

Weekly, Bay West Music, Stokes Adobe, Three Spirits, Carmel Digital, and of course... The Sun!

Also tonight is another important event, a fund-raiser for Mary Rubio Emmons at the Grand Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, Mary, a lifetime resident of Seaside, was diagnosed with breast cancer in January. Despite chemotherapy the cancer has spread and Mary is currently undergoing a bone marrow transplant at Stanford Medical Center. "Music for Mary" will raise funds to pay for expenses brought on by her extended stay in Palo Alto. Scheduled to perform are The Alan Berman Trio, The Cachagua Playboys, Jonah & The Whalewatchers and Red Beans & Rice with special guest Alligator. Another "Monterey Rock Royalty" line-up! The show is 7-30 - 11:30 p.m. and there is a \$10 donation/cover charge. You'll just have to get a designated driver and hit both of these worthy benefit events.

Attention - Guitarist Shawn Michael White (remember Nectar Of The Gods) is back with a

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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	"Dizzy Burnett Quartet" 9pm Free Sing Lessons!	"Rule of Thumb" - 9pm - 1am	NPL Tournament at noon and at night... "Iguana Jive" - 9pm-1am	Military pool
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	Rock for AIDS Benefit Concert - Foamscape, Gel, Torch 'n' the Bones Doors open at 9pm	"Jooce" and "Unshakable Race"	"Taylor P. Collins" - blues CD party.	Closed
McGarrett's 646-9244	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - Doors open at 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed
Monterey Billiards 641-0260	"The Next Blues Band" featuring Bill Boussard show starts at 9pm	"Alligator & the Bayou Band" - 9:30pm No Cover	"The Karma Band" - 9:30pm, No Cover	\$5/ hour 1/2 off B & all night
Planet Gemini 373-1449	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Tim Jones & Huck Flynn - \$6 cover	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Tim Jones & Huck Flynn - \$6 cover	Comedy 9-10:30pm with Tim Jones & Huck Flynn - \$8 cover	Gruppa C Night - \$8:30pm
Viva Monterey 646-1415	"A.B.L." featuring Tom Ayres - 9:30pm	"The Unknown Jeromes" - 9:30pm	"Kyfe" - 9:30pm	Viva Jams Followed by Eclectic R
Whitey's Place 646-8383	Jam Session w/ Joe Lucido & Friends & "Sparrow" - 9pm	Tribute to Prince w/ Sir Jac - 9:30pm \$5 Cover	Tom Ayres of "Kyfe" - Rock & Roll 9:30pm	Satellite Interactive

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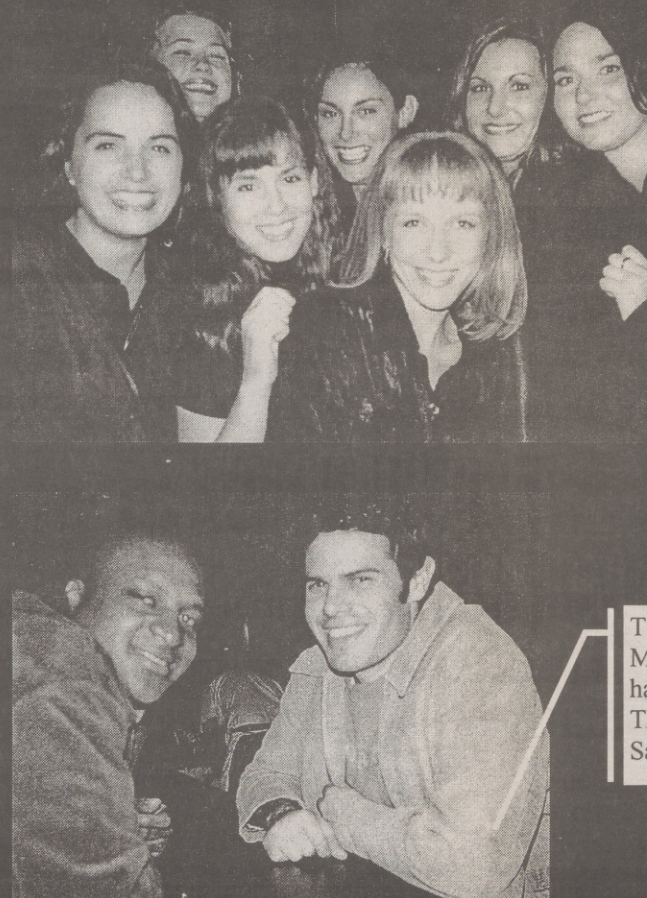
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Around Town

kick ass rock group called Jooce. Lead vocalist and frontman Michael Miller can deliver the goods with a lot of heart and soul my friends! He rolled into town a year and a half ago from Minneapolis ... bless his lil' heart. Mark these words..... he will be a force to be reckoned with around here. Joining Shawn and Mike are Scott Free on drums (that's correct, the vocalist of Human Doings), bassist and keyboardist Mitch Fadam, and guitarist Justin Saunders (formerly of Phat Habit). They are a hybrid of rock, blues, and "hey Daddy O" swing, and are debuting at Doc's tomorrow night (Friday) at 9:00 p.m. before Unshakable Race. Don't get there late and miss their set. I won't. They don't call it Jooce for nothing!

One last thing before we cut you off. Rule Of Thumb is coming to the Bluefin this Friday (Dec. 12th). This rootsy rock outfit has been together for five years. After putting out two full-length cassettes, the band is celebrating the release of their debut CD, "Wow And Flutter". Four songs from the disc recently earned them a nod as semifinalists in "Discmakers' Northern California World Series Of Independent Music". Check these out- "...a prime example of San Francisco's thriving indie scene ... lyrical and imaginative" - San Francisco Examiner. "...a unique but unpretentious Vibe: somewhat like solo-era Peter Murphy and Robyn Hitchcock filtered through Tom Petty's resin-encrusted pot pipe" - Bam Magazine. See you don't even have to take my word for it! Vocalist / guitarist John Parsons even went to Carmel High for three years. Don't let the boy down. Show up at The Bluefin, Friday 9:00 p.m. Have to run. Out.

Paparazzi



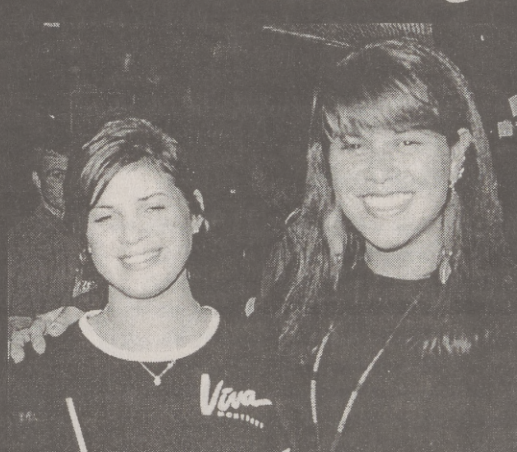
ds and Booze

DAY	SUNDAY 14 th	MONDAY 15 th	TUESDAY 16 th	WEDNESDAY 17 th
Top 40	18 and over night. Dress to impress! No Alcohol will be served.	Closed	Closed	DJ Greg Dean and The Bang- house music 8pm
ment at ight...	Military Night 1/2 off pool	College Night 1/2 off pool - Free Geometry lessons	Pool Party, Drink Specials, Rack & Roll!	Ladies Night 1/2 Price Pool
ollins" - ty.	Closed	"Blues Bait"	"Jonah and the Whalewatchers"	"Volcano Brothers"
p 40 &	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Country Night - KTOM presents music w/ Wild at Heart - Doors open at 9pm - \$5 Cover
Band" - Cover	\$5/ hour pool 1/2 off Bud Beer all day & all night!	Monday night Football - 1/2 off Bud during game!	"Jazz Market Jam" w/ Joe Lucido 8pm, Swing Dance Lessons with Vinnie 7 - 8pm	"Aram Danesh" Show starts at 9pm - No Cover
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pm	Viva Jams! Starts at 4pm. Followed by...DJ Matty's Eclectic Review.	Acoustic Rock w/ "Randy Baldwin & Friends" - 9:30pm	Spoken Word Open Mic Night "The Unknown Jeromes" - 9:30pm	Viva Christmas Party w/ "The Unshakable Trio" 9:30pm
f "Kyfe" -	Satellite Sports Interactive 5pm	Satellite Sports Interactive 6pm	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 9pm	Grrrls Night Out with The Karma Band - 9:30pm

Paparazzi Girl Trista Waag



Girls, Girls, Girls! A plethora of ladies were found at BlueFin on Saturday. From left (Amy Fallavena, Carrie Beokwith, Marcy Perman, Christine Kelso, Monica Rainwater and Deanne Brown.



Kristin Ensign and Danyel London (of Unshakable Race) keeping things lively at Viva Monterey.

Tim Sherman and Matt Bruno were hanging about at The BlueFin on Saturday night.



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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 11

☞ Carmel Unified School District Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7pm at the Carmel Middle School library.

Thursday, December 11

☞ Monterey Bay Republican Women Federated will hold their Holiday luncheon at 11:30am at The Monterey Elks Lodge. Cost is \$17.50 per person. For more information or reservations call Betty at 372-3432.

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♪ The 3rd Annual Rock for AIDS Benefit Concert at Doc's Nightclub. Musical entertainment by Foamscape, Gel, Kyfe, Torch 'n' the Bones and a bunch of special guests. Doors open at 9pm. Admission will be a cash donation or non-perishable food item.

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♪ Local musicians will perform at a fundraiser for Mary Rubio Emmons at the Grand Ballroom at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. Emmons is undergoing a bone marrow transplant at Stanford Medical Center. Money raised will go to expenses. Evening events from 7:30 - 11:30pm, \$10 cover charge.

Thurs. - Sun., Dec. 11 - 14

♪ The Helcio Trio plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay every Thurs. through Sun. 7-11pm. The Helcio Milito Trio featuring: Thurs., Brazilian pianist and flutist Jovino Santos Neto and bassist Rogerio Botter Maio; Friday & Saturday, vibraphonist Rob Lautz; Sunday, Regerio Botter Mio on bass.

Thurs. - Sun., Dec. 11 - 14

☞ The Unicorn Theatre presents Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol* at the Hoffman Playhouse in Monterey. Show times are 8pm Thurs., Fri., Sat. and 3pm and 7pm Sun. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 students and seniors, and \$8 for children under 12. Call 649-0259 for ticket information.

Mon., December 11 - 19

☞ Monterey Peninsula Art Gallery presents *Ropes, Rain, Wind and Walls* an exhibit designed to take advantage of El Nino's Wrath. Local artists will construct designs among oaks and streams on MPC's campus. Sight maps are available at the MPC Creative Art's Office.

Thurs., December 11 - 23

☞ Santa Claus will be making deliveries by fire truck to families living within the Mid Carmel Valley Fire District (Rancho San Carlos Rd. W. to Garland Park E.). Santa starts his delivery 3pm Christmas Eve. If you wish to have your gift delivered, drop off your wrapped present at the Mid Valley Fire Station any time between 8am - 8pm on or before December 23rd. (One package per child.)

Thurs., December 11 - 24

★ The Community Christmas Dinner Committee and the Monterey Peninsula Kiwanis Club are joining together to present the 12th annual free Christmas dinner at the Monterey Fairgrounds on Christmas Day. The committee needs help from the community! Cash donations, clean clothing for adults & children, food donations (turkeys, hams, pies...) & volunteers for the dinner are needed. Interested parties can call Rich Hughett 373-3720 or Kathy Miller at 625-4346.

Friday, December 12

☞ Carmel Ski Club will host its 1st get acquainted evening for the 1997-8 ski season at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey. Meeting

will run from 5:30-7:30pm in front of the fireplace. For more information call 648-4140.

Friday, December 12

Chartwell School presents "Party in a Pear Tree" at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. The party will include champagne, a silent auction, live auction, holiday dinner and dancing. Chartwell School in Seaside helps educate children with Dyslexia and related language learning disabilities. To purchase tickets or sponsor call 394-3468.

Fri. - Sat., December 12 - 14

Introduction to Human Energy Medicine - Medical Qigong. Qigong masters Zhu & Yang will explore basic practices to disperse, gather, circulate & store energy. They will teach techniques for emitting Qi from fingers & hands (for therapist) & much more. Lecture, Fri. at 1st Congregational Church in Santa Cruz, \$18. Workshop, Sat. & Sun. from 9-5pm, \$200. Call 724-3282 for more information.

Saturday, December 13

★ Here he comes! It's Santa's 37th annual fly into Carmel Valley Airport. Don't miss the festivities. Fun starts at 11am.

Saturday, December 13

☞ Renew at St. Angela's Church in Pacific Grove from 9-2:30pm. Discover what Advent - the coming of God-with-us - means. Bring a sack lunch. Free and open to people of all faiths.

Sunday, December 14

The 7th Annual Feast for AIDS, a benefit for the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) begins at 6pm at the Doubletree Hotel. Seven of Monterey's finest chefs will be donating their talents to this event. Tickets are \$125 per person. Attendance is limited. For tickets or further information call MCAP at 394-4747.

Sunday, December 14

♪ A Holiday Celebration - Michael Stillwater, Kevin Setchko and special guest percussionist Jason Frann will play at the Community Room in the Barnyard starting at 7:30pm.

Sunday, December 14

Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner at 211 Hillcrest Avenue in Marina. Sponsored by Marina Rotary & the Girl Scouts of Marina this event will take place from 12:30 - 3pm.

Monday, December 15

The Carmel Women's Club presents Metropolitan Opera Auditions winner Linda Purdy and accompanying Purdy, Monterey Bay Symphony member Pauline Thomas-Troia. The musical program will be held at 2pm at the clubhouse on 9th and San Carlos in Carmel. Refreshments served, non-members \$3. Call 624-3379 for more information.

Wednesday, December 17

Vintner Dinner featuring Lockwood Wines at the Covey Restaurant, Quail Lodge. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm & 7:30 dinner. \$70 per person, reservations required. Call 624-1581 ext. 286 for further information.

Thursday, December 18

Come support Switzerland bound Marina Girl Scouts from 5pm until closing at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Marina.

Friday, December 19

★ "Stars & Moon Constellation Evening" at Quail Lodge. Experts from the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy will be on hand to share the moment when eight of the planets will be lined up in the sky & visible to the naked eye. Stargazing at 6pm, hot apple cider around the fire at 7pm, & buffet dinner at the Barn at Quail Meadows. Advanced reservations required. Call 624-1581 ext. 286.

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus - by Rand Elliot Rueter

You Ask, Then You Get ... Then You Don't....

While I was smoking the turkey, I was prompted into thinking about gratitude. I have been so lucky, that it was way past due to say thanks... to all of the players that I have worked with in the last couple of years... to all of the people who come out to support and promote live music here on the peninsula... to all of the people who support KPIG and its eclectic musical format... for those of you who read this and tell me that you either enjoy it or are otherwise affected.... and for this place that we live in and drive through and sometimes target to notice... this place that other people save up just to visit for a week and never forget.

Earlier, I was bemoaning the dearth of female blues performers appearing locally..... so this coming weekend, the universe having listened, you get to choose...

Taylor P. Collins is playing at Doc's on the 13th. She is having a CD release party for her new album, *Wrap Me Up*. The album is extremely good. Not only did she do all of the lead and background vocal work on the record, she also wrote most of the songs and did all of the song arrangements and worked with her lead sax player, Diana Tucker, to create the horn arrangements. She has a fat sounding

band with keyboards, guitar, bass, drums and two sax players. Taylor is not only musically interesting, she is one of the nicest people in the business.

The same night, Karen Lawrence and Blue by Nature will be at the Catalyst, with two more blues bands fronted by women. Karen Lawrence is amazing. She is one of the most powerful vocalists I've ever heard, and again, she is a great songwriter and arranger. Her band is a quartet with two guitars, bass and drums. They are a lot more rocking than subtle. She isn't anything like Janis Joplin in appearance, style or musical taste, but she has the same charismatic, intense energy in performance. There is nothing held back when she delivers a song. The Catalyst show also features Duffy Bishop and her band, plus GG and the Magic Band. It's a long drive, but a great lineup.

So as my prize for wishing that either Taylor or Karen would perform locally, my band, BluesBait, is playing that night at the Britannia Arms... too far away for me to sneak out and catch either show. But you can see either Taylor at Doc's or Karen & Company at the Catalyst and come to Doc's on Monday night and tell me all about it. Or if you just like British beer, you could drop into the Arms.

So that's the good news ... no, that's the bad news ... no that's the...

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Rock for AIDS

Black Olive Records will host the third annual Rock for AIDS Benefit tonight (Thursday, December 11). Foamscape, Kyfe and Torch 'n' the Bones will perform at Doc's Nightclub on Cannery Row and all proceeds will benefit the Monterey County AIDS Project. Admission is a cash donation or non-perishable food item and the fun begins at 9p.m. Don't miss a good show for a great cause.

A Party in a Pear Tree

To Benefit Chartwell School

The Chartwell School's major fundraising benefit, A Party in a Pear Tree, will be held December 12 at the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach. Festivities include champagne, a silent auction, dinner and dancing to the swing music of San Francisco's *Sounds of Swing*.

Silent auction items include a complete orthodontic treatment, private plane trips for eight, ski packages to Telluride, golf -packages to Arizona and more.

Funds raised go towards operating the Chartwell School in Seaside, which specializes in teaching children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

The cost is \$125 per person; call 394-3468 for tickets.

Feast for AIDS

Sunday, December 14 will be the date for the 7th Annual Feast for AIDS. Donations for local wine distributors and gastronomic preparations by the

areas leading chefs make the annual feast for AIDS a gala event. Chefs include Brandon Miller of Stokes Adobe, Todd Fisher from The Lodge at Pebble Beach, Michael Kimmel from Tarpy's Roadhouse and Don Cope from the Doubletree Hotel.

The feast supports the Monterey County AIDS Project and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel beginning at 6p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person; reservations can be made by calling 394-4747.

Tribal Journeys

Photography by Marilyn
Smith Raynes

Carmel Valley photographer Marilyn Smith Raynes will exhibit her work on American Indian Tribal life at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History through December. The exhibit was amassed during the time her husband was providing medical care for the Indian Health Service at various western United States locations, from 1991-1996.

Admission is free; the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is located at the corner of Forest and Central Avenues in Pacific Grove.

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By Araby Colton

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Well, no ... not quite... not when it comes to little things like clean air, or saving water, or energy... in other words, ensuring that we'll survive, that we have a future.

Take washing machines ... ours use 40 gallons of water to clean roughly 11 pounds of clothes. In Europe a standard washer, as the

one manufactured by AEG Co., cleans those eleven pounds of dirty duds in barely 12 gallons of water, 1/3 of the water the company's machines used 10 years ago.

Less water means less heat, which means less energy... just one kilowatt per load... and that means less demand from electricity generators that disgorge those greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

Europeans happily use bicycles, trains, and trams. They prefer high-mileage automobiles running on diesel fuel ... gasoline can cost \$5.00 per gallons!

But environmental care taking has gone well beyond bicycles and washing machines. The deprivations of World War II taught the Europeans some lessons.

Many regions have abandoned plants that generate electricity by burning coal, which gives off carbon dioxide, a potent greenhouse gas. By contrast, in our United States in 1996, 56% of the nation's electricity was generated by coal, up from 50% in 1980.

Germany, and Europe in general, has swung around to natural gas. After the Berlin Wall came down in November, 1989, reunified

Germany began modernizing the eastern regions. Old factories, built with Soviet equipment, burning lignite, which gives off twice as much carbon dioxide as natural gas, were closed. By the late 1980's, East Germany burned 300 million tons of carbon dioxide generating lignite. Now, all of reunified Germany is burning no more than 130 million tons. The result of the switch is a 46% decline in Germany as a whole.

By comparison, emissions in the United States are believed to have risen about 7% since 1990, and are expected to rise 13% by the year 2000.

Last month, when environmental leaders met with President Clinton and Vice-President Gore to discuss what position we would take at the up-coming meeting in Bonn, on global warming, Gore said, "We don't have the permission from the American people." He contended that the public would not support measures needed to discourage the use of fossil fuels, and cut emissions to the degree proposed by the Europeans.

Says Alden Meyer, director of government relations for the U.S. Union of Concerned

Scientists, "There is a cultural willingness (in Europe) to act on environmental matters."

...environmentalists say that economic models show that technological advances could actually reduce the costs of cutting emissions so much that taxes would be unnecessary.

Does he mean those Europeans are smarter than we Americans, or is it because we have an overwhelmingly powerful coalition of energy producers, farmers, and labor unions who say taxes to quell energy consumption could raise the price of a gallon of gasoline 25 cents?

But, environmentalists say that economic models show that technological advances could actually reduce the costs of cutting emissions so much that taxes would be unnecessary.

So, whom to believe? And meanwhile, the future of the whole human race could hang in the balance.

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The Legal Corner

by Barry Harrow

Abortion and the Constitution - Part 15

How abortion laws evolved.

My continuing caveat is that I do not intend to take a position one way or the other on abortion in the course of these articles. I offer them to you for informational purposes only on the theory that more information is better than less and more discussion is better than less.

Roe v. Wade was decided on January 22, 1973. The question was as follows: Can the State of Texas prohibit abortion even if there is no risk to the mother's life?

Last week, we reached the point in the case where arguments had been made to the Court that the woman's right is absolute "and that she is entitled to terminate her pregnancy at whatever time, in whatever way, and for whatever reason she alone chooses."

The Court found that argument unpersuasive, dispelling the argument that a State has no interest in the matter. The State has a legitimate interest, according to the Court, "in safeguarding health, in maintaining medical standards and in protecting potential life."

The Court also asserted that "the claim asserted by some [who submitted arguments in favor of abortion] that one has an unlimited right to do with one's body as one pleases bears a close relationship to the right of privacy previously articulated in the Court's decisions." However, the Court refused to go that far and decided that "this right is not unqualified and must be considered against important state interests in regulation."

In other words, the right of privacy protects the abortion decision itself, but "at some point

the state interests as to protection of health, medical standards, and prenatal life, become dominant." This is a balancing act of sorts.

Looking at it from the other side (the State), the State's rights are also not unlimited. In particular, the Court pointed out that where "fundamental rights" are involved, "regulation limiting these rights may be justified only be a 'compelling state interest'." Any such restriction or regulation "must be narrowly drawn to express only the legitimate state interests at stake."

The lower Court (the District Court) had determined that Texas had not shown a compelling state interest to go so far as ban abortion altogether. The law permitted the abortion if "procured or attempted by medical advice for the purpose of saving the life of the mother". The District Court said it went "far beyond any areas of compelling state interest" and they found it to be unconstitutional.

So how narrow does a law have to be drawn to be constitutional? Where does the line get drawn as to when the State has a "compelling state interest" and when it doesn't? The discussion of where the "constitutional" line can be drawn will be covered next week.

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Please submit your questions for consideration to The Legal Corner, c/o Barry Harrow, P.O. Drawer 226, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

PADRE VIEWS

Our government, always looking for new things to regulate and more ways to spend our money. Zahava Abend, Carmel High School Freshman, discusses the proposal to require parental consent for body piercing and tattooing.

Many parents have voiced their complaints about teenage body piercing. In response to this, the state government has been considering passing a law to regulate piercing and tattoos for teens. This law not only tramples the rights of teenagers but also the right to freedom of expression. If parents do not want their children to get tattoos or body piercing, that should be a rule set within the home by the parents, not by the state government.

Under the law, minors will have to produce parental permission to receive a tattoo or piercing. This rule is completely unjust. It is not the government's responsibility to make sure the child has permission or to decide what decorations are appropriate for a minor's body. Rather, the government should make sure that those who practice tattooing and body piercing have sterilized tools, a clean workspace, good training, and a license to operate. The teenager has every right to get a body piercing and or a tattoo if he'd like. This law is just another form of censorship. If the government can control what piercing or tattoos people get then soon they'll be controlling everything, even something as simple as what length hair we are allowed to have!

The government should be working on a law to make sure those who pierce and tattoo are doing it safely. This would be more of a benefit then regulating minors by making sure their parents give permission. Even if the law were to pass, minors would find illegal ways to get their bodies pierced or tattooed. They would forge their parent's permission and ultimately go underground to get what they wanted. This has been proven when abortions were illegal and many women were forced underground to get these operations performed. Unfortunately these operations were performed in unsanitary conditions and many women died until the government made abortions legal and required clinics to have clean tools and trained doctors performing the surgery. If this law passes it will be a recurrence of what happened years ago. We should learn from our past and not repeat it.

As one can see, this law would prove to have many more negative effects then positive ones. Many teenagers would get diseases and many lawsuits would be filed. In the end, the law will not be able to be enforced and it will have to be done away with. Then the government will hopefully make the right decision and put its efforts into keeping a close watch on those who are practicing the art of tattooing and body piercing.

Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. It's hard to eliminate back problems, aches and pains. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

A mattress, very simply, is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet the padding generally will not last that long and is the first thing to wear out.

Most mattresses feel good when you first lie down on them. What makes the difference months or years later, is the quality of the padding. It should give good support and hold you with even pressure distributed the entire length of your body when you are curled up on your side. Your spine should be held in the same good posture as when you are standing.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

Put your mattress to the test. Look across your bed for any visible body impressions or sagging. The upholstery material should feel as it did when you first bought the bed. You shouldn't sink through the padding or feel the springs. A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding.

A good mattress will mold to your body and hold you in good posture with a feeling that you think is comfortable. You don't have to compromise your idea of comfort. You can find a balance between the firmness of the spring and the thickness of the padding that is just right for you.

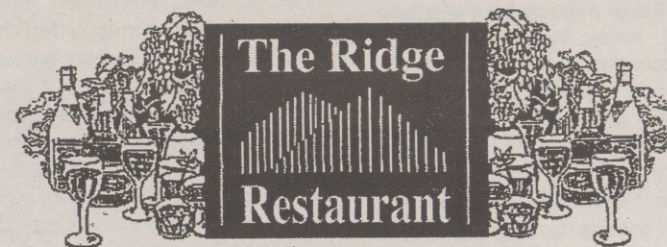
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VALLEY COMMUNITY

River Ramblings

By Joseph Hertlein

Santa Fly-In

This Saturday, December 13th will be the thirty-seventh annual Santa Fly-In parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by plane at the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield at 11:00 a.m. After making their customary greeting to the assembled children and parents, they will hop into their sleigh and be drawn by reindeer from the airport down to Carmel Valley Road at the East End of the Village. The parade will proceed through the Village passing the official announcers' stand at the Running Iron where Randy Randazzo will announce the various floats, marching groups and antique cars. Featured Grand Marshals for this year's parade will be Roger and Dodi Williams. This wonderful couple has done so much for the benefit of Carmel Valley Village. It is truly fitting that they be honored.

After proceeding through the Village, the parade will turn onto Del Fino Place then right onto Pilot Road, left on Via Contenta to Ford Road and to the Community Center. Children will be given a number to determine the order in which they can have their picture taken on Santa's lap and tell him what they would like for Christmas. Throughout the festivities our local Boy Scout Troop will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas for refreshment. There will be various games for children to participate in and play in the park.

It had been hoped to have Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus dedicate the renovated playground and Tot/lot. Unfortunately, El Nino and all the wet weather we've been having lately has delayed the pouring of a new concrete sidewalk access to the playground. The official opening and dedication of the playground will be delayed. It will be rescheduled for early in January.

Participants in the Santa Parade are asked to be at the airfield by 10:00 a.m. There will be floats representing various organizations and businesses, lots of antique cars, horses, and of course, a great contingent of fire trucks from our wonderful volunteer fire companies, Carmel Valley Village, Cachagua and Mid Valley. If you would like to participate in the parade and still have not signed up, there may

still be time to enter. Call Dave Lyon at 659-3036. In the unlikely event that it rains on Saturday, not on this great parade, it would be rescheduled for Sunday the 14th.

Village Beacon Gas Station

The Village Beacon Gas station that was for so many years under the expert, friendly ownership of Mike Rohan is now under new ownership. Equally as friendly, good natured and hardworking are new owner's Jeff Johnston and Lance Wheeler. Jeff, who originally came from England, you can tell by his wonderful accent, has worked in petro



stations since he was sixteen. He worked for Mike for seven years when the opportunity arose for he and Lance to become partners and buy Mike out who wanted to retire. Prior to working for Mike Rohan, Jeff had worked at other stations in Carmel. Jeff, who went to college in England, took

courses in math, mechanics, physics, metal science and engineering. Jeff handles the repair and service end of the business and is a certified smog inspector.

Lance went to Carmel High for one year as a senior after moving from Colorado with his family. You may remember him playing football. He went on to Monterey Peninsula College and took accounting classes. He handles the business side of the operation. Like any business, there is lots of paperwork.

Jeff and Lance are two of the nicest, friendly guys you would want to do business with. They also provide fast and very good service,

working on both domestic and foreign cars. What's nice about these fellows is that they enjoy what they do. To them it is not so much a job; rather as Jeff expressed it, "it's having fun." They see the station as a "social hub" where they have lots of contact with people, can find about what's going on, and can help people. Repairing cars is not easy these days. There are lots of sophisticated parts that require the right technical balance to work properly. One challenge, Jeff explained, is being able to translate into laymen's term's technical items so that a customer will understand.

It is really nice to know that the expert, friendly service that Villagers depended upon for so many years from Mike Rohan will continue on for many more years with Jeff and Lance.

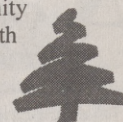
The Stagecoach Has Arrived

As many of you may have already discovered, the Stagecoach Café has opened up in the Village in the White Oak Plaza. It is open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays. The friendly proprietors Sam and Nelda Getz, their daughter Jessica, along with their wonderful staff offer good service and great food. Their location has been the site of previous restaurants that have come and gone. Their Stagecoach appears to be one that is going to stay in town awhile; that's good. Sam is the chef and for him this is a ten-year dream come true. He completely remodeled the kitchen with new equipment and added a pass through window. This not only expedites getting

orders out, it also allows for friendly contact with customers. The friendly, warm service and good food make the Stagecoach Café one that you definitely have to catch.

Consider A Year-End Gift To Help Our Park

Now, at year-end, is a perfect time to consider a donation of stock to Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) or the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center (CVCYC). Both organizations are tax-exempt and helping to promote the use and long-term assets of our park. Both in terms of programs offered and scenic opportunities provided, the Community Park is the heart of our community. A gift of appreciated securities can definitely benefit the giver, and the receiving organization. For donations to CVVIC, contact Pat Ward at 373-2941. For contributions to CVCYC contact Steve Anderson at 659-3505.



Christmas Trees For Sale

If you have not yet purchased your tree this year, be sure to stop by your wonderful neighbors at the Kiwanis Tree lot at Mid-Valley Shopping Center. They are open Monday through Friday, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from Noon. They have great trees at good prices. Your support of the Kiwanis Tree lot helps them to further support our community through scholarship programs and many other contributions to our community.



Man agreed not to return.

November 9

Carmel Valley: A woman reports her boss held a knife to her throat and threw her out the back door of his restaurant.

Pebble Beach: Individual reported she was unable to find her backpack and wallet that she had placed in a closet of the home of the person she cares for.

November 10

Carmel: Man reports one of his assistants received a phone call telling her there was a bomb in the building. No bomb was found. Carmel: Reporting person reported having a personal check that was altered recently. She shopped in the Mid-Valley Center and wrote a check for five dollars. When she received her statements, she noticed the number two had been written in front of the five making it \$25.00. Occurred between 10/26 and 11/7/97.

November 11

Carmel Valley: Person reported a burglary at her home. Items taken valued at over \$2,000.00 (jewelry).

Big Sur: Man was seen throwing rocks and dirt on to cars traveling on Highway 1. Two persons suffered minor damage to their vehicles. One of the persons placed the man under citizen's arrest per 23110 CVC.

Carmel: Individual reported that someone damaged and put information on her computer. Also her husband will not put deadbolts on her front door. Multiple calls from this person with no merit to the calls.

Big Sur: Woman drove her motor home into the driveway of the Fernwood Campground. When told to leave she refused. The manager wanted woman arrested for trespassing. She has been told several times not to return. While attempting to arrest, a struggle ensued. Woman was arrested and transported to jail.

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